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SUBJECT: JAPAN POSTAL WORKERS' WISH TO RENEW TIES TO
SOUTH KOREAN COUNTERPART

REF: TOKYO 1576

1. DEPARTMENT WELCOMES ZENTEI'S INTENTION TO MOVE TOWARDS
FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND AWAY FROM SOVIET BLOC IN
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO SEE SUCH
A MOVE CONSUMMATED. HOWEVER, WE NECESSARILY MUST BE CARE-
FUL NOT TO BE OVERLY IDENTIFIED WITH IT BY ACTING AS DIRECT
TRANSMISSION BELT FOR PASSING MESSAGES FROM ZENTEI TO
KOREAN COUNTERPART. PERHAPS ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR
INSTITUTE (AAFLI), WHICH HAS FULL-TIME RESIDENT IN SEOUL,
COULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE PICTURE. WE SEE NO REASON WHY
MESSAGES COULD NOT BE FORWARDED VIA LABATT AND TURNED OVER
TO AAFLI FOR DELIVERY TO KOREAN COUNTERPART. THIS WAY IT
WOULD BE UNION-TO-UNION ARRANGEMENT AND USC'S ROLE WOULD
THUS BE LIMITED TO FACILITATING CONTACT BETWEEN TWO UNIONS.

2. IF ADDRESSEES AGREEABLE TO ABOVE FORMULA, ZENTEI SHOULD
BE ADVISED OF AAFLI ROLE, AND CONCURRENCE OF AAFLI REPRE-
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SENTATIVE IN SEOUL SHOULD BE OBTAINED. KISSINGER

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